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May Meeting Highlights

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The May meeting featured two events, first Bruce Kripton KG6IYN gave a presentation on VHF/UHF contesting. Bruce gave both an informative but entertaining presentation on the trials and tribulations of VHF/UHF contesting, interspersed with lots of useful information.

Bruce left no aspect of this form of contesting untouched, Roving, Mountain Topping, Chasing Grid Squares, Moonbounce, it all was covered in great detail. The importance of low loss transmission line was covered. Much was mentioned about the forms of propagation on VHF and UHF including airplane scatter. Bruce put on a great presentation, a good introduction to VHF/UHF contesting and weak signal work on those bands as well.

Also at our May meeting ARCEC held a swap meet. Members brought all manner of amateur radio related items. There were small parts, antennas, masts radio equipment, just about anything one might need or want. There was some really good bargains to be had, and money and gear moved about the room. There were several transceivers, Kenwood Yaesu, just to name a couple. ARCEC is now joining the growing list of clubs who hold a swap meet once a year or more often.



Club Membership & Dues

Club membership and dues can now be paid online. The Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon website wa6bgs.us The link is at the top of the page, just follow the instructions on the Join / Renew page.





Next Month's Meeting

Field Day, past field days will be discussed along with plans for Field Day 2015, look forward to seeing you there.

ARCEC Repeater Frequencies

2 Meter Repeater	220 MHZ Repeater	440 MHZ Repeater
TX 146.475	TX 222.480	TX 440.900
RX 147.420	RX 224.080	RX 445.900
Offset .945	Offset 1.6	Offset 5.00
PL 107.2	PL 107.2	PL 107.2

Operating Day at Fry's Electronics

By Sue Robins AF6LJ, pictures by Pat Bunsold WA6MHZ, and Sue Robins AF6LJ



Another Operating Day Event was held at the Fry's Electronics parking lot this last May 2nd. These events are becoming more popular each time one is held. San Diego Six Shooters who cosponsor the event had just over 180 sign in to the event. ARCEC made a good showing at the event. Many local clubs, organizations, and individuals brought out their portable, gear and Go Kits in what is becoming a dry run for Field Day.



SOBARS made an appearance with their informational booth, as did other organizations.



Just a few of the portable stations at Fry's Operating day. The CERO van stood out as one of the most interesting at the event. More on the next page.



Starting at the top; the Six Shooters booth with one of the new Yaesu repeaters opened for all to see. The Convair 220 club's portable station and, and at the bottom another nice portable setup. This event keeps getting bigger and better time after time.

Club Shirts & Jackets

We have 2013 club shirts and jackets available at meetings. Shirts are available sizes from small to XX large, this year's shirt has a pocket and as usual is green in color with the club logo in white. The cost is \$12.00 each.

Jackets are also available in sizes ranging from Medium to XX large. These are of the lined windbreaker style, with side pockets and they snap down the front. The cost is \$24.00 each.

We also have a number of shirts from 2012, these shirts are identical to the 2013 shirts without the pocket, and they are available in both the standard club shirt and the 2012 Field Day shirt. Sizes are limited to stock on hand.

The San Diego Morse Code Practice Group

Mark Wardwell KB6PJU has been running a code practice group on the WA6BGS VHF and UHF repeaters. The repeaters are linked to accommodate the needs and accessibility of all who wish to participate. The code practice Group meets at 7:00 PM Pacific time on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.

If you have something you would like to see in Counterpoise, anything of interest to our members. Your homebrew projects, articles pertaining to local activities or your thoughts on amateur radio current events, send that content to counterpoise@wa6bgs.us You are what makes the Amateur Radio Club of El Cajon, we wouldn't exist without you the membership. Join us at our meetings and activities and become a part of the club.



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